

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2004, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1-31 are now pending and allowed in this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (952) 278-3501 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502931.

Respectfully submitted,

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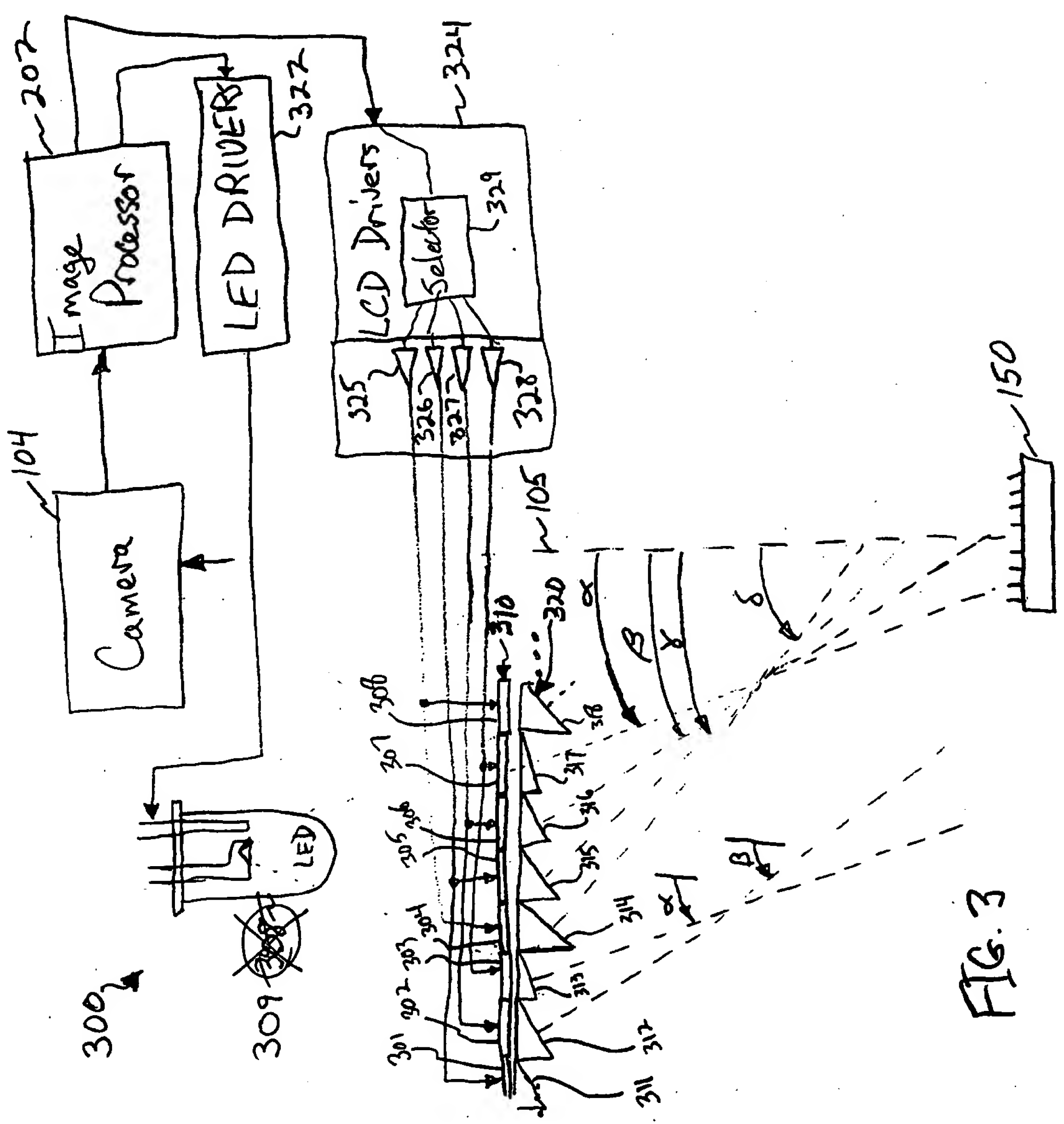


FIG. 3